

The President's Daily Brief

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Yemen

All Americans scheduled for evacuation have now safely left the country. The two US AID officers are still in custody, but US officials have uninterrupted access to them. The Yemeni deputy premier and the commander of Egyptian forces in Yemen are meeting with Egyptian officials in Cairo, probably to decide what line to take now.

Nasir, apparently bent on wringing the maximum political benefit out of the case, may show his colors in a major speech scheduled for this afternoon (Washington time). He may depict the quarrel as one between Yemen and the US, with Egypt merely an aggrieved party. There are hints, however, that he may figure the time is ripe for another hard-line anti-American blast.

2. South Vietnam

Almost 1,000 villages had voted for local councils when the first phase of this election program wound up Sunday. Overall voter turnout was 77 percent of the more than three million eligible. Scattered acts of Viet Cong terrorism seem to have had little effect. A second series of village elections will begin in July.

3. Cambodia

On Sunday Sihanouk sacked the moderate Lon Nol government, which has been under attack from the left since its formation last October. He may have thought the government and the army were cooking up a major purge of the left. Sihanouk himself may now take over as premier, and if so is unlikely to make any startling policy changes.

4. Communist China

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5. Soviet Union

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6. South Korea

Tomorrow is election day, and President Pak is the odds-on favorite.

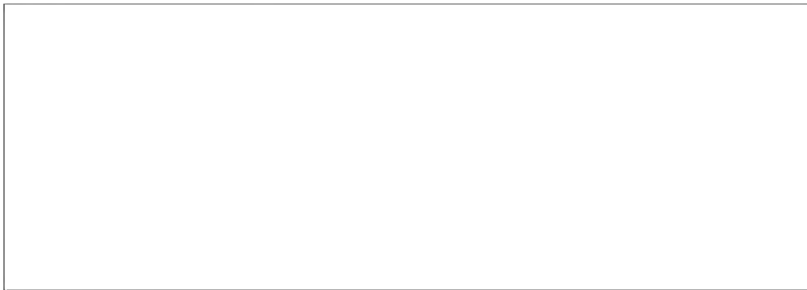
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7. Afghanistan

Prime Minister Maiwandwal is still not out of the woods over charges that high-level officials are in cahoots with the US. For two weeks he has been avoiding parliament, which is threatening to censure him, but is expected to show up today and try to counter the charges.

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8. Guatemala



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